

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION  
AUGUST 20, 2019**

**ITEM 7**

**SUBJECT**

INFORMATION ITEM - ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT BY THE STAFF TO THE BOARD ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER (HRTW).

**DISCUSSION**

On September 25, 2012, Assembly Bill 685 was enacted, which added section 106.3 to the Water Code (effective January 1, 2013), declaring that every human has the right to clean, affordable, and accessible water for consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes (generally referred to as the human right to water). On February 16, 2016, the Water Board adopted Resolution No. 2016-0010 which, directs staff to consider the HRTW as a core value, and provides guidance and direction to the Water Boards to achieve consistency in the implementation of the HRTW. The Resolution also requires that staff provide an annual progress report to the Board on the implementation of the HRTW.

Staff will inform the Board of progress on each of the HRTW dimensions: safe and clean, accessible, and affordable water. Activities and programs that will be discussed include: access to sanitation for people experiencing homelessness, efforts to increase accessibility through water supply resilience, progress on affordability recommendations, funding for safe drinking water through existing loans and grants, drinking water quality enforcement actions, updates to HRTW data collection and presentation, community engagement, and adoption of Regional Board HRTW resolutions.

**POLICY ISSUE**

None –Informational Item

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None –Informational Item

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None –Informational Item

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

None –Informational Item